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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: E. Igaki et al. : Art Unit: 2853  
Serial No.: 09/471,981 : Examiner: Ly T. Tran  
Filed: December 23, 1999 :  
For: INK-JET RECORDING HEAD :

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Responsive to the Office Action dated August 9, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3 and 81 with the following amended claims:

3. (As Amended) An Ink-jet recording head comprising at least one piezoelectric block having (a) first and second ink pressure chambers, each pressure chamber communicating with a nozzle for ejecting ink supplied from an ink supply, (b) first and second partition walls, each partition wall serving as a driving portion for one of the two ink pressure chambers, each partition wall including a piezoelectric element and at least two electrodes for driving said piezoelectric element, (c) a pressure buffer chamber, and (d) first and second fixed walls,

wherein at least one of said electrodes is embedded in said partition wall for controlling, by bending of the embedded electrode, whether said partition wall bends toward a side of said ink pressure chamber, or bends toward a side of said pressure buffer chamber,

the first ink pressure chamber, the first partition wall, said pressure buffer chamber, the second partition wall and the second ink pressure chamber are arranged in sequence along a thickness direction of said piezoelectric block,